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Investigations regarding palmyra industries in Cuddapah district.

* 164 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the answer given to clause (v) of my question No. 1753 answered on 15th March 1928 regarding palmyra industries, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state what the results of the investigation by the Director of Industries have been and what his recommendations are?

A.—The investigation is still in progress.

Training of students from Ceded districts in the Dyeing section of the Madras Textile Institute.

* 165 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the answer given to clause (vi) of my question No. 1753 answered on 15th March 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students are being trained in the Dyeing section of the Madras Textile Institute;

(*b*) what is the total capital expenditure upon that section;

(*c*) how many of the students therein are from the Ceded districts;

(*d*) how many of them are from the classes engaged in the work of weaving and dyeing; and

(*e*) whether the Government have instituted or propose instituting scholarships for students from the Ceded districts who are studying dyeing?

A.—(*a*) All the students of the Institute receive instruction in dyeing which forms part of the course of textile training in both the Supervisors' and Artisans' courses. During the current year, the number of students undergoing training in weaving and dyeing is 60;

(*b*) Rs. 3,750;

(*c*) & (*d*) Two; one of them belongs to the weaver caste;

(*e*) No separate scholarships have been or are proposed to be instituted for students from the Ceded districts. But in the award of available scholarships, the claims of people from those districts are duly considered.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Considering the backward state of the Ceded districts which is admitted on all hands, may I know whether the hon. the Minister will consider the question of giving separate scholarships for the Ceded districts?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"The matter has been carefully considered and the answer is given in clause (*e*)."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"It is a general scheme that is contemplated in the answer. May I know whether the hon. the Minister is prepared to establish a special scheme of scholarships for the Ceded districts?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"That will be considered."